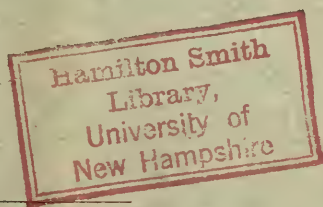


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Report of the Selectmen.

The Selectmen Credit the Town for the Year Ending March 1st, 1879, as Follows:—

By list of taxes assessed April 1, 1878,	\$13,321.19
Savings bank tax,	976.82
Railroad tax,	354.54
Literary fund,	90.65
Cash in hands of Treasurer, March 1, 1878,	2,517.10
Amount received from Grafton County,	380.55
“ “ circus license,	10.00
“ “ cart wheels,	14.00
“ “ coal tar,	19.20
“ “ G. W. Heath,	350.00
“ “ Tim. Tilton, balance not expended for Decoration Day,	13.00
Money received of G. G. Brown, highway taxes paid in and not expended,	16.83
Money received of G. L. Tilton,	2.00
Interest collected on taxes to March 1, 1879,	36.07
	\$18,101.95

Disbursements.

Paid State tax,	\$1,348.00
County tax,	1,856.95
	\$3,204.95

School Money.

District No. 1, O. B. Fogg,	\$43.98	
2, Geo. A. Emerson,	1,238.36	
3, O. P. Hall,	42.53	
4, Hiram Heath,	27.47	
5, J. M. Dame,	40.98	
6, D. Y. Emmons,	49.82	
7, H. C. Homan,	15.39	
8, C. N. Drake,	80.43	
9, C. H. Mudgett,	51.54	
Town Bridgewater, Peters' tax,	7.07	
	<hr/>	\$1,597.57

School-House Tax.

District No. 2, Geo. A. Emerson,	\$1,000.00	
8, C. N. Drake,	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,050.00

Precinct Tax.

J. D. Kelley,	\$400.00
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Pauper Bills.

DANIEL TYRILL.

Sept. 28, D. S. Follansbee,	\$158.70	
" 28, Timothy Chandler,	2.00	
" 28, Geo. A. Robie,	16.00	
Feb. 14, Dr. H. B. Fowler, medical attendance,	6.00	
" 14, Fowler & Co., medicines,	3.85	
	<hr/>	\$186.55

D. C. WILLEY.

Apr. 15, Mrs. M. B. Willey,	\$12.57	
Dec. 28, Henry Griffith,	160.00	
Feb. 14, Dr. H. B. Fowler, medical attendance,	12.00	
" 14, Fowler & Co., medicine,	7.85	
" 27, F. W. Bingham,	.50	
" 28, O. F. Cross,	34.28	
	<hr/>	\$227.20

CLARISA BROWN.

Feb. 14, Abigail Darling,	\$156.00
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STEPHEN BOHONAN.

Nov. 30, Oren Nelson,	\$53.45	
Dec. 28, Geo. A. Robie,	13.50	
Feb. 14, Fowler & Hazelton,	8.25	
“ 28, Dr. J. M. Bishop,	3.00	
	<hr/>	\$78.

SAUL HUTCHINSON.

Nov. 6, Jane Alden,	\$12.50	
“ 30, J. A. Haynes,	3.00	
Dec. 28, Geo. A. Robie,	19.00	
Feb. 14, Fowler & Hazelton,	4 00	7.92
“ 14, Fowler & Co.,	2.85	
“ 28, Dr. I. S. Chase,	17.00	
	<hr/>	\$5.

AUGUSTUS OSGOOD.

Feb. 14, Blake Fowler,	\$43.75	
“ 14, Samuel Page,	25.00	
“ 14, Fowler & Hazelton,	20.00	
“ 14, Fowler & Co.,	12.15	70.16
	<hr/>	\$1.

Feb. 28, L. A. Ballou, provisions for Leed's family,

Aug. 31, John Herron, feeding tramps, '77-8,

Dec. 28, O. K. Bucklin, keeping woman,

Total for paupers,	<hr/>	\$
		\$89.33

Cost of supporting paupers in excess of amount received and amount due from County,	\$
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Highways.

E. SANBORN'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended, per agent's receipts,	\$72.46	\$40.55
Nov. 30, Calvin Martin, labor on highway,	2.44	
Dec. 28, Ira Martin, “ “	.90	
“ 28, Daniel W. Newton, “ “	.80	
“ 28, A. K. Peaslee, “ “	.80	
Feb. 28, E. Sanborn, “ “	7.32	
“ 28, Calvin Martin, breaking roads,	2.15	.51
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F. KIDDER'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended, per agent's receipts,	\$25.01	
Nov. 30, Frederick Kidder, labor on highway,	3.15	
Feb. 28, Frederick Kidder, breaking roads,	10.05	
	<hr/>	\$38.21

C. L. CLAY'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended, per agent's receipts,	\$36.57	
Nov. 30, C. L. Clay, labor on highway,	8.05	
Feb. 27, " " breaking roads,	14.90	
	<hr/>	\$59.52

D. Y. EMMON'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended, per agent's receipts,	\$21.48	
Dec. 28, D. Y. Emmons, labor on highway,	2.90	
" 28, S. K. Worthen, " "	1.88	
Feb. 27, D. Y. Emmons, breaking roads,	6.15	
" 27, S. K. Worthen, " "	7.05	
	<hr/>	\$39.46

SAMUEL MUSSEY'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended, per agent's receipts,	\$18.27	
Feb. 22, Otis Sanborn, breaking roads,	7.05	
" 22, Samuel Mussey, " "	12.05	
	<hr/>	\$37.37

H. N. EMMONS' DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended, per agent's receipts,	\$45.34	
Nov. 30, J. M. R. Emmons, labor on highway,	1.03	
Dec. 28, H. N. Emmons, " "	9.90	
" 28, " " breaking roads,	2.05	
	<hr/>	\$58.32

S. W. SWETT'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended, per agent's receipts,	\$46.09	
June 15, A. J. Ferrin, labor on highway,	10.40	
Dec. 28, Amos Bartlett, " "	5.85	
Feb. 14, A. J. Ferrin, breaking roads,	4.55	
" 25, S. W. Swett, " "	6.85	
" 27, John M. Dame, " "	.82	
	<hr/>	\$74.56

J. W. BURLEY'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended, per agent's receipts, \$12.90		
Feb. 27, M. H. Merrow, labor on highway and		
breaking roads,	23.80	
" 27, John P. Green, do.	2.33	
" 27, Abram S. Dow, do.	6.05	
" 27, C. G. Dow, do.	6.17	
	<hr/>	\$51.25

A. J. FERRIN'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended, per agent's receipts, \$13.03		
Feb. 14, A. J. Ferrin, breaking roads,	4.89	
	<hr/>	\$17.92

BENJAMIN GREY'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended, per agent's receipts, \$25.53		
June 29, H. C. Homans, labor on highway,	2.47	
" 29, B. Gray, labor of self and help,	16.15	
Dec. 28, " " "	2.32	
Feb. 22, " breaking roads, and help,	23.69	
	<hr/>	\$70.16

J. M. SLEEPER'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended, per agent's receipts, \$41.58		
Dec. 28, J. M. Sleeper, labor on highway,	10.00	
Feb. 25, M. F. Wilbur, " "	7.00	
" 25, Green L. Tilton, " "	3.00	
" 25, J. M. Sleeper, breaking roads, and help,	27.75	
	<hr/>	\$89.33

C. H. MUDGETT'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended, per agent's receipts, \$25.75		
Dec. 28, C. S. Flanders, labor on highway,	6.65	
Feb. 22, C. H. Mudgett, breaking roads,	8.15	
	<hr/>	\$40.55

C. A. GALE'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended, per agent's receipts, \$20.02		
July 27, C. A. Gale, labor on highway,	1.69	
Nov. 30, N. T. Chase, " "	1.50	
Feb. 27, C. A. Gale, breaking roads,	3.30	
	<hr/>	\$26.51

THOMAS WICOM'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	\$7.04	
Feb. 27, Thomas Wicom, labor on highway,	3.00	
" " breaking roads,	3.00	
		<hr/> \$13.04

P. S. DRAKE'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	\$78.34	
March 9, P. S. Drake, labor on highway,	2.17	
April 27, " " "	4.32	
Aug. 31, " " " and help,	22.57	
Oct. 12, C. N. Drake, labor on bridge,	35.00	
Nov. 30, M. F. Wilbur, " highway,	13.12	
" 30, A. T. Nudd, " "	8.90	
" 30, L. C. Bailey, " "	3.63	
" 30, P. S. Drake, " "	8.50	
" 30, F. L. Drake, " "	8.25	
" 30, R. B. Rollins, " "	9.37	
" 30, G. G. Rollins, " "	3.50	
" 30, C. N. Drake, " "	24.00	
" 30, W. H. Folsom, " "	8.32	
" 30, O. A. Williams, " "	3.20	
" 30, Thos. R. Emmons, " "	5.17	
Dec. 28, P. S. Drake, labor of self and help,	11.00	
" 28, Isaac Sprague, " "	3.00	
" 28, Orvis Muzzy, " "	8.50	
Feb. 14, F. L. Rollins, " "	3.75	
" 28, S. S. Fellows, breaking roads,	10.96	
" 28, M. S. Peters, " "	3.75	
" 28, P. S. Drake, labor of self and help,	16.99	
" 28, F. M. Beckford, labor on roads,	1.87	
		<hr/> \$298.18

MILO FELLOWS' DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended, per agent's receipts,	\$64.95	
Nov. 30, D. J. Hunt, labor on wall,	8.25	
" 30, Levi Locke, " highway,	1.50	
" 30, M. F. Wilbur, drawing stone,	26.25	
" 30, Jonathan Emmons, " "	2.25	
" 30, Milo Fellows, labor of self and help,	21.00	
" 30, Moses Emmons, laying stone,	9.50	
Feb. 13, Rufus Eaton, labor in 1877,	.75	
" 13, " " 1878,	2.00	
		<hr/> \$136.45

GREEN L. TILTON'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts, \$381.56		
Aug. 31, W. Fellows,	labor on highway,	5.20
" 31, S. H. Cross,	" "	21.74
" 31, H. Welch,	" "	4.25
" 31, S. H. Rollins,	" "	4.27
" 31, Natt Walker,	" "	7.76
Nov. 30, C. H. Woodward,	" "	3.00
" 30, S. C. Gordon,	" "	3.00
Dec. 28, C. H. Woodward,	" "	2.20
" 28, U. H. Kidder,	" "	19.41
" 28, S. H. Cross,	" "	5.00
" 28, W. Fellows,	" "	2.50
" 28, Jacob Cass,	" "	23.03
" 28, B. Q. Fellows,	" "	2.00
" 28, Seth Cass,	" "	2.60
Jan. 25, Mason & Wooster,	" "	19.25
" 25, M. G. Chandler,	" "	3.92
Feb. 13, M. H. Crosby,	" "	1.50
" 21, Thomas Muzzy,	" "	2.50
" 28, Green L. Tilton, labor of self & help,		82.48
		<hr/> \$597.17

D. H. RICE'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts, \$314.89		
April 12, G. W. Clifford, labor on highway,		2.34
June 5, Moses Emmons, blasting stone,		8.40
July 27, A. C. Prescott, labor on highway,		2.92
Oct. 12, G. W. Sumner,	" "	2.00
Dec. 28, D. H. Rice,	" "	63.55
Feb. 28, J. W. Sanborn, breaking roads,		13.12
" 28, M. F. Wilbur,	" "	1.50
		<hr/> \$408.72

GEORGE G. BROWN'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts, \$441.81		
June 29, Daniel Cass, labor on highway,		9.72
Nov. 30, M. F. Wilbur, drawing stone,		5.25
Dec. 28, B. Q. Fellows, laying	" "	9.00
Jan. 25, M. G. Chandler,	" "	5.25
Feb. 28, M. F. Wilbur, breaking sidewalk,		4.65
		<hr/> \$475.68

DANIEL CASS'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts, \$198.61		
Dec. 28, O. K. Bucklin, labor on highway,		.50
Jan. 25, C. H. Woodward, breaking sidewalk,		2.10
Feb. 13, Daniel Cass, labor of self and help,		63.74
		<hr/> \$264.95

FREDERICK BARTLETT'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended, per agent's receipts,	\$172.73	
Dec. 28, B. Q. Fellows, labor on stone,	1.50	
		<hr/> \$174.23
Total for highways and bridges,		<hr/> \$3,058.45

MISCELLANEOUS FOR HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Mar. 9, A. J. Nudd, snowing bridge,	\$3.00
" 9, Seth Cass, G. A. Robie, highway tax,	3.32
" 9, S. H. Rollins, watering tub,	3.00
" 16, A. Dow, labor on highway, 1877,	5.86
" 16, W. W. Benton, " " "	.76
" 23, Otis Sanborn, " " "	4.18
May 25, Chas. Kidder, watering tub,	3.00
June 15, H. C. Shaw, labor on concrete,	39.00
" 15, Thompson, Rowell & Co., coal tar,	39.30
Aug. 31, S. C. Gordon, labor on concrete,	3.00
" 31, C. H. Woodward, self and team,	25.00
Nov. 21, T. T. Drake, lumber per bill,	211.42
" 30, A. K. Peaslee, watering tub, '77 and '78,	6.00
" 30, E. Sanborn, lumber,	15.10
" 30, " " " 1877,	8.60
Dec. 2, Oren Nelson, watering tub,	3.00
" 4, Sanborn & Brown, lumber,	202.50
" 28, E. G. Stevens, watering tub, '76, '77, '78,	6.00
" 28, A. Burpee, lumber for New Hampton bridge,	5.79
" 28, C. H. Marston, blacksmith's bill,	17.48
" 28, G. Walker, sewer pipe,	20.06
Oct. 12, G. A. Emerson, wall and sidewalk,	17.08
Jan. 18, Gust Walker, sewer pipe,	6.75
" 18, M. W. Favor, stone,	5.00
" 25, D. Y. Emmons, labor and stone, New Hampton bridge,	15.75
" 25, E. D. Crosby, lumber,	61.98
Feb. 1, S. H. Rollins, watering tub,	3.00
" 13, A. J. Ferrin, labor on New Hampton bridge,	1.97
" 13, F. D. Sanborn, lumber,	4.05
" 21, Solon Dolloff, labor and lumber, 1877,	8.00
" 21, L. W. Hammond, powder, spikes, &c.,	20.43
" 21, C. Taylor, powder, spikes, &c.,	20.55
" 21, A. J. Ferrin, labor on New Hampton bridge,	5.94
" 27, F. W. Bingham, lantern, &c., for bridge,	4.02
" 27, J. Marston estate, watering tub and loam used,	4.50
" 27, L. A. Ballou, supplies per bill of items,	21.37

Feb. 27, J. W. Sanborn, labor, 1876 and 1877,	\$18.00
“ 27, E. M. Eastman, snowing, lighting bridge, lantern,	49.95
“ 27, W. W. Wilbur, labor,	.45
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	\$894.16

Cost of highways and bridges for 1878, in excess of amount raised,	\$1,400.88
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Miscellaneous Bills.

Mar. 16, Seth Cass, paid auditors, 1877,	\$2.00
Mar. 16, R. W. Musgrove, printing reports,	35.00
“ 30, Robert A. Horner, stationery bill,	11.00
Apr. 20, John W. Wells, police services,	30.00
“ 27, John H. Brown, stationery bill,	1.25
May 25, Robert A. Horner, freight on tar and asphalt,	5.51
May 25, A. J. West, sheep killed by dogs, 1877,	12.00
“ “ John Hastings, drawback in poll tax,	2.35
“ “ Mrs. H. T. Draper, settled suit against town for land damage,	50.00
“ “ Mrs. Emma B. Brown, injuries from fall on side- walk,	25.00
“ “ Dr. H. B. Fowler, doctor's bill for Mrs. Brown,	5.00
“ 27, money appropriated for Decoration,	50.00
July 27, T. H. Daniels, damage to team,	25.00
“ “ J. M. Bishop, reporting births and deaths,	2.75
Aug. 31, Lumen Danforth, drawback, highway tax,	.50
“ “ school book for Alanson Blake's children,	1.00
Sept. 28, G. W. S. S. Gordon, police services, '77,	8.00
Nov. 30, C. H. Proctor, precinct tax,	.63
Dec. 2, Willard Heath, over taxed,	2.71
“ 28, R. A. Horner, freight bill on pipe,	1.24
“ “ O. K. Bucklin, horse hire, per bill,	7.50
“ “ C. S. Flanders, police service,	4.50
“ “ R. W. Musgrove, printing blanks,	4.50
“ “ G. A. Robie, blacksmith bill,	1.40
“ “ James Crosby, surveying town line,	1.50
Jan. 10, F. W. Calley, blacksmith bill,	4.90
“ 18, Morrill & Silsby, book for town clerk,	9.00
“ 25, H. W. Kendall, care of town clock,	15.00
“ 25, John H. Brown, money paid out per bill,	2.93
“ 28, K. E. Dearborn, insurance on town house,	35.00
Feb. 13, S. W. Heath, land damage,	8.00
“ 14, J. D. Kelley, blacksmithing,	2.25
“ 21, L. W. Fling, counsel fees, advice, '77, per items,	36.04
“ “ “ “ general retainer and adviser. 1878,	30.00

Feb. 21 ministerial fund,	\$6.00
“ 26, Ira S. Chase, recording births and deaths,	2.50
“ 28, R. A. Horner, money paid out per bill items,	3.75
“ “ John H. Brown, horse hire, bill items,	9.00
“ “ A. J. Ferrin, “ “ “ “	2.00
“ “ G. L. Tilton, police services,	1.50
Seth Cass, bounty on foxes,	1.50
A. J. Ferrin, “ hawks per receipts,	3.80
J. H. Brown, “ “ “ “	1.00
R. A. Horner, “ foxes, “ “	14.50
A. J. Ferrin, “ “ “ “	1.00
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	\$480.01

Street Lamps.

June 15, A. S. Bunker, 12 street lanterns,	\$75.00
“ 29, E. M. Eastman, lighting lamps,	2.50
Aug. 31, W. T. Taylor, turning posts,	8.50
“ “ Sanborn & Brown, 15 cedar posts,	7.50
W. W. Wilbur, care of lamps to March, 1879,	80.00
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	\$173.50

Town Hall from March 1, 1878, to March 1, 1879.

G. W. S. S. Gordon, from March 1, to March 30,	\$12.13
Cr., by rent collected,	6.75
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	\$5.38
J. E. Keys, March 30, 1878, to March 1, '79,	56.25
Cr. by rent collected,	51.60
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	\$4.65
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Expenses above receipts,	\$10.03

By a vote of Town, the Reform Club had the free use of the hall for the year.

Town Officer's Bills.

A. W. Bingham, Town Clerk,	40.00
Nancy A. Durgin, Supt. School Committee,	35.00
A. J. Ferrin, Selectman,	115.00
John H. Brown, Selectman,	120.00
Robert A. Horner, Selectman,	120.00
Geo. A. Emerson, Town Treasurer,	25.00
Wm. A. Beckford, Collector,	140.00
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	\$595.00

Abatement of Taxes.

C. A. Caiter, poll tax,	\$2.22
John Warren, " "	2.22
John H. Brown, " "	2.71
Mrs. A. F. Burpee,	13.23
Hiram Brown,	2.21
C. E. Blackstone, poll tax,	2.21
F. A. Calley, " "	2.71
Warren Corliss, " "	2.71
Eben Darling, heirs of,	10.86
John S. Danforth, poll tax,	2.71
Wm. N. Dawes, " "	2.71
Willie A. George, " "	2.71
Benj. Evans, " " and dog,	3.71
Wm. Evans, " "	2.71
Chas. Gale, " "	2.71
George Gale, " "	2.71
John M. Hart, " "	2.71
N. E. Hopkins, " "	2.71
Saul Hutchinson, " "	2.71
James Musgrove, part of tax,	6.07
Benj. F. Marston, poll tax,	2.71
Chas. Marston, " "	2.71
Frank G. Patten, " "	2.71
F. Dimond, highway tax,	.81
F. W. Quimby, " "	2.31
John W. Payne, poll tax,	2.71
Frank Sanborn, " "	2.71
Benj. Swett, " "	2.21
Wm. A. Sumner, " "	2.71
Sherborn Wells, heirs of,	8.14
John W. Wilbur, poll tax,	2.71
Madison Sanborn, " "	2.22
Albert Muzzey, " "	2.22
Walter Muzzey, " "	2.22
Aaron Whittier, " "	1.72
James Gray, " "	2.22
H. K. Hastings, " "	2.22
F. J. Willard, " "	2.21
Wm. Locke, " "	2.22
F. P. Fields, " "	2.21
Orren Fowler, " "	2.71
C. O. Braley,	2.88
Henry Marsh,	.53
Pheobe Sanborn,	4.75

H. S. Beckford, highway tax,	\$7.00	
Eugene Cheney, poll tax,	2.40	
	<hr/>	\$147.92

Paid on Notes.

Hannah Woolson,	\$136.70	
J. H. Ordway,	125.50	
Mary Tobine,	554.15	
P. H. Sleeper,	492.69	
Mary C. Mudgett,	257.84	
Sarah Cheney,	136.56	
Ellen Kidder,	127.59	
Levi Nelson, interest and part of note,	73.20	
Belinda B. Cass,	919.63	
Interest on Town Bonds,	475.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,298.86

Recapitulation.

Total amount received,		\$18,101.95
State tax,	\$1,348.00	
County tax,	1,856.95	
School money,	1,597.57	
School-house tax,	1,050.00	
Precinct tax,	400.00	
Pauper bills,	818.77	
Highways and bridges,	3,058.45	
Miscellaneous highways and bridges,	894.16	
Miscellaneous bills,	480.01	
Street lamps,	173.50	
Town Hall,	10.03	
Town officers' bills,	595.00	
Abatements,	147.92	
Notes and Interest,	3,298.86	
In hands of Treasurer,	1,442.63	
In hands of Collector of 1878,	930.10	
	<hr/>	\$18,101.95

Notes and Interest Due from Town, March 1, 1879.

At 4 per cent. Interest.

Mrs. Mary M. S. Brown,	\$520.96	
Geo. W. Heath,	358.16	
Levi Nelson,	101.33	
	<hr/>	\$980.45

Bonds Due from Town, March 1, 1879.

Seth Cass,	\$1,000.00	
Belinda B. Cass,	800.00	
David Mason,	700.00	
Amanda M. Stearns,	500.00	
Franklin Fogg,	1,100.00	
S. K. Mason,	300.00	
R. S. Danforth,	500.00	
N. W. Cass,	500.00	
A. J. Smith,	1,000.00	
Mrs. Varnum Pratt,	1,000.00	
Abbie S. White,	1,000.00	
Clarance Merrill,	200.00	
E. Follansbee,	400.00	
Mary C. Mudgett,	400.00	
Sarah Cheney,	200 00	
Wm. G. Kelley,	200.00	
Daniel Kelley,	200.00	
Interest on Bonds,	458.33	
	<hr/>	\$10,458.33

Amount the Town Owes.

Notes and interest,	\$980.45	
Bonds and interest,	10,458.33	
Due District No. 2, school money,	209.21	
Interest on bonds, due 1878,	25.00	
Total liabilities,	<hr/>	\$11,672.99

Due the Town.

In hands of Treasurer,	\$1,442.63	
In hands of Collector, 1878,	930.10	
Bounties due from State,	21.80	
Due from J. Morrill, Bridgewater,	12.00	
Due from E. D. Crosby,	1.08	
Due from Grafton County,	292.85	
	<hr/>	\$2,700.46

	Actual debt,	\$8,972.53
Decrease of debt,	\$2,215.56	

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FERRIN,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
JOHN H. BROWN,	
ROBERT A. HORNER,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Bristol.</i>

Auditor's Report.

Bristol, N. H., March 4th, 1879.

We hereby certify that we have examined the report of the Selectmen of the town of Bristol, and find their accounts correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEO. M. CAVIS, }
B. F. PERKINS, } *Auditors.*

Treasurer's Report.

By their extended report of the financial transactions and standing of the town, the Selectmen, as has been the custom here, have reduced the task of the Treasurer, as regards his report, to that of little more than an acknowledgment of the amount of money committed to his hands, and a statement of the sum total of disbursements.

Total amount of receipts for the year ending	
March 1st, 1879,	\$14,961.47
Total amount of disbursements for the year ending	
March 1st, 1879,	13,518.84
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The amount remaining in the hands of the Treasurer,	\$1,442.63

GEO. A. EMERSON, *Treasurer.*

REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF BRISTOL,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1879.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Had one term of eleven weeks, taught by Miss ANNIE M. RANDOLPH. Whole number, 9; average attendance, 7. This was Miss Randolph's first effort at teaching and it was very commendable. She corrected many things which I noticed at my first visit, put the scholars under good discipline and endeavored to impress very thoroughly what she taught. Haying, long walks and very warm weather caused several absences, so that only three were present at my last visit, but these did very well indeed. Some of the writing books showed much improvement and the scholars were prompt in their recitations. Spelling, good. Neither teacher or school can be properly judged where the scholars are taken out before the close of the school, and did parents realize the injustice they do to both, they would exert themselves to the utmost to prevent it. Had one scholar been promptly expelled from school as she should have been, the teacher would have been happier, the scholars made more improvement, and results have been better for all. "When patience ceases to be a virtue" and the greatest good for the whole calls for decisive action, better "cut off the right hand" than let the *whole* suffer. Miss Annie had my sympathies in her earnest efforts to do all she could. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$16. Whole amount of money, \$43.98. O. B. Fogg, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 2.—See Graded School.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Had one term of twelve weeks taught by Miss MARY H. CLAY. Whole number, 9; average, 8. This school was composed mostly of small scholars who appeared very well at my first visit. At the last there was a good deal of disorder—whispering, playing and going out. The class in written Arithmetic reviewed the work of last year, with

no real loss. There was some improvement in the younger reading classes. Writing, fair for scholars of their age. Miss Clay had had some experience in teaching in this town, and had she been more energetic and alert, her efforts would have been more successful. No scholar reported on the Roll of Honor. Wages of teacher, \$14.17. Whole amount of money, \$42.53. O. P. Hall, Committee.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Miss IDA M. DOLLOFF taught one whole term of six and a half weeks in this district. Whole number, 5; average, nearly the same. The three older pupils were not absent during the term. Two little boys happily came in to help furnish employment for the teacher and learned to read quite well. The others worked well, necessarily reviewing a part of last year's work, but the term was too short to effect any great improvement. Neither teacher nor school can be fairly criticised under such circumstances. The scholars forget nearly all they have learned the year previous, the teacher often finds them deficient in the first principles, therefore very little advancement can be made. Miss Dolloff's energies could be well spent on a wider field. Wages of teacher, \$17. Whole amount, \$27.47. Hiram Heath, Committee.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Had one term of twelve weeks, taught by Miss SARA M. SWETT. Whole number, 6; average, 6. Not a half day's absence reported. Two were from Bridgewater. I notice considerable tardiness, but as the scholars live a long distance from the school house, *possibly* they are excusable. This was Miss Swett's first experience, and being one of the scholars in the district, she succeeded better than I anticipated. The scholars had a very good knowledge of History; the reading was fair, but the writing did not show that improvement I hoped to see. No visits but my own reported. I suspect the people were afraid of taking cold from the draughts in the school-house. A district unable to fix the date of the first existence of their school-house might properly be recommended to the mercies of "The Society for the prevention of cruelty to animals." Hope the mothers will try the influence of "the power that lies behind the throne." Wages of teacher, \$14. Whole amount of money, \$40.98. J. M. Dame, Committee.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Miss CARO T. GORDON, of New Hampton, taught the nine weeks' term with very *evident* success, as the scholars and parents were so well pleased that they raised money for four weeks' private school.

Whole number, 14; average, 13.5. Five were not absent during both terms. A majority of the scholars are over fifteen, and I think they tried very hard to make the school both pleasant and profitable. One of them studied University Algebra and Philosophy, keeping with his class at New Hampton. The advanced classes in Arithmetic spent a good deal of time on their lessons with great profit to themselves. The younger ones had some miscellaneous exercises that were very interesting. History was used as a reading book, and also as one of the studies. A lack in their early training in reading is very evident, but they try to overcome it as far as possible. Miss Gordon is energetic, and apparently has a firm faith in persistent doing, and keen watchfulness in the school room, so that it is too warm a place for sluggards and idlers. Wages, \$20.60. Whole amount, \$49.82. D. Y. Emmons, Committee.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Had one term of seven weeks taught by Miss LAURA WHITTEMORE, of Bridgewater. Whole number, 4; average, 4. The success of a school does not *always* depend upon its length, as seven weeks with a teacher of ability and experience accomplished more for this school than the longer term last year under different conditions. Miss Whittemore's efforts were very commendable, and the improvement was good for the time. One of the pupils is nearly as far advanced as the average scholars of her age in the most of her studies, while she *excels* many of them in writing. The school-house was as neat as it possibly could be, and all seemed eager to do their very best. What *may* be done has been well demonstrated to the people, and I hope they will be constrained to raise a little more money. Let them see to it that the children are not cheated out of their rights. Wages of teacher, \$8.00. Board given. Whole amount, \$15.39. H. C. Homan, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Had two terms of school of ten and sixteen weeks respectively, taught by Miss N. FRANCES EASTMAN, of Laconia. Whole number, first term, 12; average 10. Second, 17; average, 13. Miss Eastman had taught several terms before, and although I was somewhat dissatisfied at the close of the first term with the seeming inflation, a few hints accomplished considerable retrenchment and reform. The scholars went back over the same ground to quite an extent, and at the close were able show more thoroughness in what they had been over. This is not the only school that labors under the same difficulty by any means; but it was fortunate in that it had an opportunity, by its length, of being corrected. Three scholars studied the "higher branches." George Breck,

a lad of ten, won the prize of a new writing book, by his great improvement in writing, decided upon by Mr. Drake and myself. Alice Wicom did nearly as well, while the whole general improvement in this branch exceeded that of any school in town. The younger ones, I think, read very well, but the older ones do not try to correct their faults in reading as they should. The class in Percentage, Interest, &c., have rather more than an average comprehension of business transactions in these principles. Miss Eastman possesses a love for her work and scholars, which added to a little more energy would make her very successful. The people assessed themselves \$50 extra and are interested in their school, fathers and mothers looking in upon it occasionally. Mr. Drake was present at my last visits which was very gratifying. The questions in the Register were answered much better than usual. Three scholars were on the Roll of Honor the 1st term, two the 2nd; while one, Miss Minnie Drake was present every day for the year. Wages of teacher, \$20. Whole amount including that raised by extra tax, \$135.43. C. N. Drake, Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Mr. HERBERT E. DRAKE, a graduate from our school, taught sixteen weeks in this district. Whole number, 8; average 7. One scholar from District Number 7. All were present at my last visit. One scholar studied Algebra and Philosophy, and there were two in Book-Keeping. The books used in the latter compare very favorably both in writing and spelling, with those of our High School scholars. The reading was seventy-five per cent. better than when I first heard it. The two classes in Arithmetic were doing good work, and the three tyros in reading made a good beginning. As I intended to leave town, my last visit was four weeks before the close of school. This was Mr. Drake's first effort, but his conscientiousness and ability were so impressed upon his pupils that I *knew* I could *predicate* good results, which I am glad to know were witnessed by both committee and parents. Wages of teacher per month, \$12. Board given. Whole amount, \$51.54. Nellie Mudgett was present during the whole term.

In concluding the second annual report of the schools that have been under my charge, I am glad to be able to say that the most of them have been quite satisfactory, under the present existing conditions. One short term in a whole year must necessarily be a bane to any great progress, and such a school needs a *first rate teacher* to effect any more than a bird's eye improvement. I think the small amount of money has generally been judiciously expended. Parents and committees have better evinced their interest by visiting the schools and co-operat-

ing with the teachers, while teachers and scholars have worked happily and conscientiously together, with scarcely an exception. Our State compels all parents and guardians to send their children to school three months in a year—who shall be responsible for finding the school for them to attend? We have expended a good deal of money for the protection of the traveling public—have extirpated tramps from our midst; now let the children's rights be protected, that they may be saved from becoming tramps and criminals, as ignorance is one of the fertile sources of crime. There is too much superficiality in our teaching nowadays. Scholars are put into the "higher branches" before they have any knowledge of the lower, and when they attempt to impart elementary instruction they, themselves, are found sadly wanting. A large per cent. of candidates for teachers' positions cannot read a newspaper editorial intelligibly, while their writing and spelling is often shocking. How, then, shall they teach if they have not been taught? A great deal might be accomplished if more habits of observation were inculcated, with less confinement to those of mere book routine. Let scholars be taught to notice how thoughts are expressed in well chosen language; how words are spelled in the books they read; the size and locality of the different countries on the maps, and some of those sensible and improved methods be adopted, that tend to develop the child's mind in regard to what he will need in practical life, and we should be immense gainers in real progress. But teachers are human, and they cannot be expected to do everything; and, often times, having an eye single to their bread and butter, they, just like other people, strive to keep up appearances on what little capital they have by parading all the virtues of their smart scholars, and keeping the dull ones out of sight as far as possible, hoping thereby to make a favorable impression on the parents and superintendent especially.

A little more efficient and thorough supervising might possibly be beneficial. Giving an hour's sitting once or twice a term, with a very dignified hearing of parrot-like recitations, making a stereotyped speech wholly incomprehensible to the scholars, with an approving nod and smile, is hardly a critic's business. Let there be a perfect understanding between supervisors and teachers, that they are to be judged by what they do in their honest daily work, and that this will be tested by personal questions to each scholar, dull as well as smart. The "cue will soon be taken," as good teachers and scholars demand and enjoy just this keen, intelligent and kindly criticism, having very little respect for any other. Let all supervisors use their efforts to stamp out the different miasmatic influences that exist in and around our school-houses, which they have the power to do, and a great reform will be accomplished.

Conscious of having tried to do my duty, if I have failed in coming

up to my own standard of right in this respect, I hope it may be attributed to an error in judgment, rather than feeling.

I have made no changes in books during this last year, except to substitute a writing-book with sliding copies, which enabled the scholar to keep his copy instead of his own work constantly before him; and where teachers have paid attention to writing, a very great improvement has been evident. I found Cornell's old and new editions of Geography, Monteith's, and a Physical work by Warren. As it was impossible to have so many classes, I effected an exchange of Cornell's for Monteith's in District No. 2, but deemed it unnecessary to make any change in those districts where there were only one or two scholars in a class. I have always furnished books at introduction cost prices, often paying for them long before receiving my pay, but the ten per cent. discount, ranging from ten cents on the highest priced books to one cent on the lowest, granted me on settlement, has compensated me for postages and advanced money.

I have always endeavored to know neither friend nor foe in school matters, and I am very grateful to both for all the aid they have rendered me in my efforts to do their children good.

NANCY A. DURGIN, *S. S. Committee.*

UNION DISTRICT No. 2.

Whole number of weeks of school in this district, 30 for each school or grade.

The Primary Department was taught by Miss LILLA A. NELSON, whose previous record as a teacher in the same school recommended her to the Board, and who, during the past year, has been, without doubt to the Board, faithful to her trust.

The Intermediate Department was also in charge of one whom the scholars had become accustomed to meet in the school-room. Miss KATE F. GEORGE has labored faithfully in behalf of the interests committed to her care in this district, in the past few years, and the Board have no hesitation in pronouncing the year's work just closed to be a profitable one to her pupils.

In the Grammar and High School Departments the work of the year was commenced and concluded by teachers who came among us, as such, or at least as teachers in these places, for the first time. Both had had experience in teaching elsewhere, and both came eminently well recommended. The Board can speak in high terms of them now. Their labors have been effectual.

The tabular statement submitted herewith may be referred to for some of the information usually found in the school reports.

The rolls of honor in the Primary Department show, first term, 6; second, 11; third, 10 names. In the Intermediate Department, first term, 5; second, 10. In the Grammar Department, first term, 7; second, 11; third, 9. In the High School Department, first term, 6; second, 15; third 15.

H. B. FOWLER,	} <i>Board of Education.</i>
N. C. LOTHROP,	
GEO. A. EMERSON,*	
LEWIS W. FLING,	
GEO. M. CAVIS,	
J. M. BISHOP.	

Statistical Table of Union District No. 2.

DEPARTMENT.	TERM.	TEACHERS.	No. of Weeks.	No. of Scholars.	Average.	Reading.	Spelling.	Pennmanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar & Seasons.	Composition.	U. S. History.	Book-Keeping.	Vocal Music.	Physiology.	Latin.	Algebra.	Philosophy.	Botany.	Visits by Board.	Wages of teachers per Month.
Primary,	Spring,	L. A. Nelson,	10	49	47	49	49	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	49	....	....	....	....	....	7	\$30
"	Autumn,	" "	10	48	46	48	48	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	48	....	....	....	....	....	4	30
"	Winter,	" "	10	34	33	34	34	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	34	....	....	....	....	....	2	30
Intermediate,	Spring,	Kate F. George,	10	40	39	40	40	40	40	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	15	32
"	Autumn,	" "	10	34	34	34	34	34	34	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	14	32
"	Winter,	" "	10	34	33	34	34	....	34	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	8	32
Grammar,	Spring,	Belle Calley,	10	37	35	35	36	36	33	21	20	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	4	36
"	Autumn.	" "	10	36	36	36	36	36	36	18	16	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	4	36
"	Winter,	" "	10	35	35	34	34	34	34	....	15	....	16	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	5	36
High.	Spring,	Eda Payson,	10	42	38	36	36	42	37	....	30	....	....	2	....	....	4	8	....	9	6	40
"	Autumn,	" "	10	37	36	31	31	37	28	....	27	....	15	....	....	8	7	10	....	....	10	44
"	Winter,	" "	10	47	43	33	33	47	35	....	34	....	12	....	....	13	12	9	6	....	6	44

Owing to the absence of Miss George from the State, at the time of making above table, a full report of her classes cannot be given.

